

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Energy is a fundamental part of our everyday lives that supports the most basic daily tasks such as feeding our families, driving to work, and lighting, warming, and cooling our homes; and,

*Whereas*, We are increasingly dependent upon energy to enrich our lives – from powering communication and entertainment devices to fueling recreational equipment and facilities, and making community, sporting, and arts events possible; and,

*Whereas*, Energy sustains our society's complex systems including patient care, agricultural processes, education, public services, commercial, and industrial processes. Energy is an essential requirement for commercial and economic growth, including our state's leading economic drivers, such as agriculture, tourism, financial services, and energy production itself; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota's energy providers maintain safe, reliable energy delivery systems, and ensure energy supplies to our homes and communities; and,

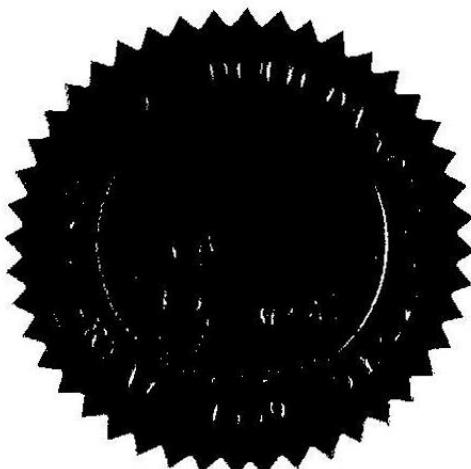
*Whereas*, Energy-related industries provide careers to thousands of South Dakotans including line workers, engineers, customer service representatives, accountants, power plant operators, and other leaders. These industries are actively working to develop a talent pipeline to develop and recruit workers to ensure future reliability, replacing retiring workers, and maintaining a highly skilled and talented workforce to meet the new challenges of our evolving economy; and;

*Whereas*, Through strategic partnerships, the Northwest Regional Energy Workforce Consortium strives to promote a unified and results-oriented effort to ensure South Dakotans and others in our region find rewarding careers in energy so South Dakota can continue to grow and prosper:

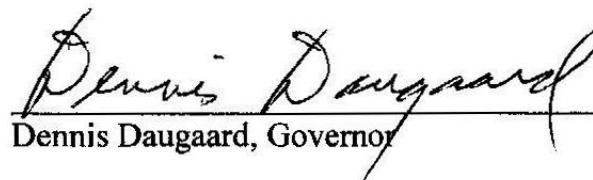
***Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 15 - 21, 2012, as

## ***CAREERS IN ENERGY WEEK***

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

  
Dennis Daugaard  
Governor

Attest:

  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State